



## E-Legislative Update

April 12, 2010

We are in the last week of special session. The Legislature convened over the weekend to negotiate a final budget and revenue package before Tuesday, April 13, 2010, the last day of the 30-day special legislative session.

You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill or the state budget known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs legislative priorities focus on state budget development and bills that impact the Asian Pacific American community in the areas of education, health care, human services, and economic development.



### Week Four Highlights of the Special Session:

**Race to the Top:** On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Governor Gregorie announced the start of the Washington's Race to the Top application and urged all 295 school districts to participate in the competition for federal Race to the Top funding. To view the Governor's press release, click [here](#).

Highlights of legislative discussion on the **BUDGET and REVENUE** include:

- The House passed [2ESSB 6143](#) - Modifying excise tax laws to preserve funding for public schools, colleges, and universities, as well as other public systems essential for the safety, health, and security of all Washingtonians.
- The Senate passed [SB 6503](#) - Closing state agencies on specified dates, which will provide targeted levels of savings by closing state agencies for 10 days, resulting in possible furloughs for state workers. Certain state workers providing critical services will be exempt from any furlough days.

Below is a scheduled meeting that might be of interest to you.

### Budget

#### Ways & Means

**04/12/10 TBA**

#### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Rules Room

Legislative Building

Olympia, WA

**Executive Session:** [ESHB 2836](#) - Concerning the capital budget

**To find out more information on bills signed by the Governor,** [click here](#).

To access a copy of *Legislative Session Review 2010*, [click here](#). This document contains information on bills of interest to the Asian Pacific American community from this past regular session.

**Information is current as of: April 11, 2010.**

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